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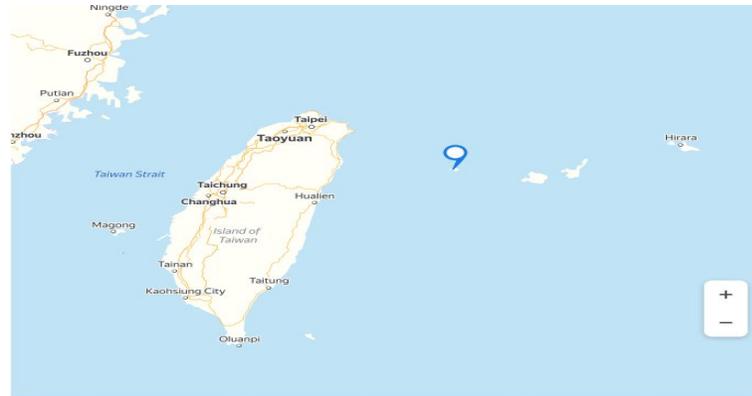
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There are certain places around the world that are surrounded by mystery because they contain the remains of lost civilisation. They are places of great architectural beauty and archaeological interest.

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Mysterious underwater pyramids are located near the Western Japanese island of Yonaguni. In the course of numerous studies, it has been established that the age of the Yonaguni pyramids is more than 10 thousand years.



The story of an incredible find

In the spring of 1985, in the coastal waters of the small Japanese island of Yonaguni, local diving instructor Kihachiro Aratake accidentally stumbled upon a strange object. Not far from the shore, just below the surface of the waves, he saw a huge stone monument that stretched to the limits of visibility. Wide, flat platforms covered with an ornamental pattern of rectangles and lozenges led to intricate terraces that descended by large steps.



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The main question is whether the structures are a natural phenomenon, or whether they were created by the hand of ancient man?



Theories

- There are traces of processing and carving on the stone blocks, which confirms the theory of scientists that the Yonaguni monument is not a natural formation, but created artificially. Masaki Kimura-a marine geologist from the University of Japan has been studying underwater pyramids for more than 15 years. The scientist believes that this place is more than five thousand years old, but it was flooded 2 thousand years ago during an earthquake



On the other hand

Robert Schoch believed that the pyramids of Yonaguni were formed naturally – so nature tried. According to him, this is a natural tectonic activity, which is confirmed by the photo below, which shows a similar formation on land created by nature. There is also a possibility that the monument was formed naturally, but then was processed by people. Schoch was of this opinion before he met Kimura. The arguments of Kimura, who was more familiar with the features of the monument, strongly influenced Schoch's opinion. Moreover, the arguments were supported by photographs of details that Schoch did not see during his dives, since he only dived a few times.



General opinion

The meeting of two professional geologists had to Yonaguni monument is literally a landmark. If earlier Shoch held to the version of the natural nature of the object, Kimura insisted on its completely artificial origin. As a result of taking into account all the available facts, both specialists agreed on a kind of " compromise", both refusing to take extreme points of view. They came to the conclusion that the Monument belongs to the so-called "Terra — formations", that is, the original natural "preparation" was later changed and modified by human hands. Such formations are not unusual, they were very common in the ancient world...



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